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1. SUMMARY. THE 40,000 YUGOSLAVS IN SWEDEN CURRENTLY AFFECT SWEDISH-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS ON THREE COUNTS: THEY INCLUDE NUMEROUS, WELL-ORGANIZED AND, IN A FEW INSTANCES, DANGEROUS OPPONENTS OF THE YUGOSLAV COMMUNIST REGIME, YUGOSLAVS WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDUSTRIAL SKILLS WHO COULD BE USEFUL TO YUGOSLAVIA IF THEY

COULD BE INDUCED TO RETURN HOME, AND YUGOSLAVS WHO WILL SOON BECOME INCREASINGLY INTEGRATED INTO SWEDISH SOCIETY AS THEY BEGIN TAKING PART IN SWEDISH LOCAL ELECTIONS, UNDER NEW LEGISLATION, EVEN AS ALIENS. TO ALL EVIDENCE, THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT SKILLFULLY EXPLOITED THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT TITO TO SWEDEN TO OBLIGE THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT TO FOCUS INTELLIGENCE RESOURCES ON IDENTIFYING, AND ALSO INTIMIDATING, YUGOSLAV EMIGRE ORGANIZATIONS AS POSSIBLE SECURITY THREATS, AND TO IMPOSE MORE SEVERE RESTRICTIONS ON YUGOSLAVS DEMONSTRATING TWO DAYS BEFORE TITO'S ARRIVAL THAN WERE IMPOSED EARLIER ON DEMONSTRATORS WHOSE TARGETS WERE THE AMERICAN, SPANISH AND CHILEAN CHIEFS OF STATE, NOT VISITING. END SUMMARY.

2. ACTIVITY OF EMIGRE EXTREMISTS IN SWEDEN. AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE ON MARCH 31, VISITING YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER MILOS MINIC SAID HE WAS SURE THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES AGAINST YUGOSLAV TERRORIST GROUPS IN SWEDEN. SMALL AS THESE GROUPS ARE, HE SAID, THEY ALWAYS THREATEN RELATIONS BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND COUNTRIES WITH A FRIENDLY ORIENTATION.

3. SWEDISH CONTROLS UPON YUGOSLAV GROUPS. WHATEVER OTHER MEASURES THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN TO DISCOURAGE CROAT TERRORIST ACTIVITY, THE SWEDISH AUTHORITIES RECENTLY TOOK REMARKABLY STIFF ACTION AGAINST VERBAL EXTREMISM ON THE PART OF CROAT IMMIGRANTS EXERCIZING THEIR RIGHT TO DEMONSTRATE. ON MARCH 27, AFTER CONFERRING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND LEARNING OF PRIME MINISTER PALME'S PERSONAL CONCERN, STOCKHOLM POLICE CHIEF KURT LINDROTH GAVE ORDERS FOR THE CONFISCATION OF PLACARDS CALLING TITO A MURDERER, ALONG WITH OTHER PLACARDS NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING TITO. FURTHER, ON THE EVE OF TITO'S ARRIVAL ON MARCH 29, POLICE WITH PAINT-SPRAYING EQUIPMENT TOURED TITO'S STOCKHOLM ROUTE TO PAINT OVER ANTI-TITO SLOGANS ON WALLS AND BRIDGES. SUCH ACTIONS, APPARENTLY WITHOUT PRECEDENT IN RECENT DECADES IN SWEDEN, WERE TAKEN, SAID POLICE CHIEF LINDROTH, "BECAUSE THE YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES SHOWED THEMSELVES SO SENSITIVE ABOUT THESE THINGS." THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE DENIED PRESS REPORTS THAT LINDROTH HAD ACTED ON DIRECT ORDERS FROM PALME. IT BECAME EVIDENT FROM VARIOUS EXPLANATIONS THAT PALME HAD DISCUSSED YUGOSLAV LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SENSITIVITIES WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY MADE THE STOCKHOLM POLICE AWARE OF PALME'S CONCERN.

4. IMMIGRANTS WELCOMED BACK IN YUGOSLAVIA. MINIC SAID THAT YUGOSLAV WORKERS FROM SWEDEN "WOULD BE WARMLY WELCOMED BACK TO YUGOSLAVIA--MANY OF THEM STILL HAVE A FARM TO RETURN TO." COMMENT: THE MASSIVE FLOW OF IMMIGRANT WORKERS TO SWEDEN WHICH TOOK PLACE IN THE 1960'S BECAME SUBJECTED TO SOME CONTROLS IN

1967 AND EVEN STIFFER CONTROLS IN 1971. IN RECENT YEARS, THE INFLOW HAS BEEN LIMITED TO ABOUT 100 TO 200 PER YEAR. NINETY PERCENT HAVE FOUND FACTORY WORK; SOME 1000 ARE ACADEMICS. SWEDEN TREATS FOREIGN WORKERS ESSENTIALLY AS IMMIGRANTS TO BE NATURALIZED, RATHER THAN AS "GUEST WORKERS" AS IN GERMANY. NEVERTHELESS, SO FAR ONLY 3000 YUGOSLAVS HAVE OBTAINED SWEDISH CITIZENSHIP. YUGOSLAVS NOW ENJOY A REPUTATION IN SWEDEN AS QUICK MASTERS OF INDUSTRIAL SKILLS.

5. IMMIGRANT PARTICIPATION IN SWEDISH ELECTIONS. MINIC SAID THAT IN CONNECTION WITH NEWLY-ESTABLISHED RIGHT OF IMMIGRANT WORKERS TO PARTICIPATE IN SWEDISH COMMUNAL ELECTIONS, THE GOY EXPECTS YUGOSLAV IMMIGRANTS TO BE FREE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO TAKE PART. "WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE SWEDISH POLITICAL PARTIES ARE PROVIDING THE YUGOSLAVS WITH GOOD BACKGROUND INFORMATION," SAID MINIC. COMMENT: IN FACT, YUGOSLAVS AND OTHER IMMIGRANTS, WHO SEEM TO SHOW A GREATER RESENTMENT OF POLITICALLY PARTISAN MATERIAL THAN NATIVE-BORN SWEDES, REPORTEDLY HAVE FOUND SUPPOSEDLY IMPARTIAL CIVIC BRIEFINGS SLANTED TOWARDS THE THESES OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND ESPECIALLY TO THE THESES OF THAT PARTY'S LEFTWING. SIMILAR REACTIONS ARE REPORTED WITH REGARD TO LANGUAGE TEACHING TEXTS (SOME OF WHICH ARE NOTEWORTHY FOR THEIR ANTI-AMERICAN SLANT).
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